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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended): A method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device, the device having an associated memory and the consumable items each having an information retaining mechanism, the manufactured device initially in a non-regionalized condition, the method comprising the steps of:
  - a) for each consumable item distributed within a region, configuring the information retaining mechanism in a manner which uniquely identifies the region; then
  - b) installing in the device a consumable item having an information retaining mechanism configured for the region; and then
  - c) transferring the region identification information from the consumable item information retaining mechanism to the memory associated with the device and storing the information therein.
2. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 1, wherein the memory associated with the device is an electronic memory within the device.

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3. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 2, wherein the information retaining mechanism of each of the consumable items is an electronic memory, the step of configuring the information retaining mechanism in a manner which uniquely identifies the region comprises writing the region identification information to the electronic memory, and the step of transferring region identification information from the consumable item to the electronic memory within the device comprises electronically reading the information from the electronic memory of the consumable item and electronically writing the information to the electronic memory within the device.
4. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 3, wherein the device further has an associated wireless communications link in data communication with the associated memory and the consumable items each further comprise a wireless communications link in data communication with the electronic memory, and electronically reading the information from the electronic memory of the consumable is accomplished over the wireless links.
5. (Canceled).
6. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 3, wherein electronically reading the information from the electronic memory of the consumable is accomplished over a wireless link.

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7. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 1, wherein the device further comprises a printer and the consumable items further comprise printer consumables.
8. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 7, wherein the printer is an ink jet printer and the printer consumables are ink jet cartridges.
9. (Currently Amended): A method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device, the device having an associated memory and an associated wireless communications link in data communication with the associated memory, and the consumable items each having an electronic memory component and a wireless communications link in data communication with the electronic memory component, the manufactured device initially in a non-regionalized condition, the method comprising the steps of:
  - a) for each consumable item distributed within a region, configuring the electronic memory component in a manner which uniquely identifies the region; then
  - b) installing in the device a consumable item having a memory component configured for the region; and then
  - c) transferring the region identification information from the consumable item electronic memory component over the wireless communication links to the memory associated with the device and storing the information therein.

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10. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 9, wherein the device further comprises a printer and the consumable items further comprise printer consumables.
11. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 10, wherein the printer is an ink jet printer and the printer consumables are ink jet cartridges.
12. (Currently Amended): A method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device, the device having an associated memory and the consumable items each having an information retaining mechanism, the manufactured device initially in a non-regionalized condition, the method comprising the steps of:
- a) for each consumable item distributed within a region, configuring the information retaining mechanism in a manner which uniquely identifies the region; then
  - b) installing in the device a consumable item having an information retaining mechanism configured for the region; then
  - c) transferring the region identification information from the consumable item information retaining mechanism to the memory associated with the device and storing the information therein; and  
for subsequent consumable item installed in the device,
  - d) testing the information retaining mechanism of the subsequently installed consumable item to determine the region identification information contained therein; then
  - e) comparing the region identification of the subsequently installed consumable with the region identification stored in memory, and then
  - f) if the region identifications do not match, declining the subsequently installed consumable.

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13. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 12, wherein the memory associated with the device is an electronic memory within the device.
14. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 13, wherein the information retaining mechanism of each of the consumable items is an electronic memory, the step of configuring the information retaining mechanism in a manner which uniquely identifies the region comprises writing the region identification information to the electronic memory, and the step of transferring region identification information from the consumable item to the electronic memory within the device comprises electronically reading the information from the electronic memory of the consumable item and electronically writing the information to the electronic memory within the device.
15. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 14, wherein the device further has an associated wireless communications link in data communication with the associated memory and the consumable items each further comprise a wireless communications link in data communication with the electronic memory, and electronically reading the information from the electronic memory of the consumable is accomplished over the wireless links.

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16. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 12, wherein the information retaining mechanism of each of the consumable items is an electronic memory, the step of configuring the information retaining mechanism in a manner which uniquely identifies the region comprises writing the region identification information to the electronic memory, and the step of transferring region identification information from the consumable item to the electronic memory within the device includes electronically reading the information from the electronic memory of the consumable item.
17. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 16, wherein the device further has an associated wireless communications link in data communication with the associated memory and the consumable items each further comprise a wireless communications link in data communication with the electronic memory, and electronically reading the information from the electronic memory of the consumable is accomplished over the wireless links.
18. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 12, wherein the device has an associated user interface allowing messages to be displayed to a user and also allowing responses to be input by the user, and the step of declining the consumable comprises notifying the device user of an incompatibility and requiring a specific response to be input by the user.

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19. (Currently Amended): A method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device, the device having an associated memory and an associated user interface for receiving user input and displaying output, and the consumable items each having an information retaining mechanism, the manufactured device initially in a non-regionalized condition, the method comprising the steps of:
- a) for each consumable item distributed within a region, configuring the information retaining mechanism in a manner which uniquely identifies the region; then
  - b) installing in the device a consumable item having an information retaining mechanism configured for the region; and then
  - c) transferring the region identification information from the consumable item information retaining mechanism to the memory associated with the device and storing the information therein.
20. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 19, wherein the associated user interface for receiving user input and displaying output is operable to receive input and display out in a plurality of natural languages, and wherein the language used for input and output is selected based upon the region identification information stored in memory.

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21. (Currently Amended): A method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device, the device having an associated memory and the consumable items each having an information retaining mechanism, the manufactured device initially in a non-regionalized condition, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing for distribution within the region consumable items each having the information retaining mechanism configured in a manner which uniquely identifies the region; then
- b) installing in the device a consumable item having an information retaining mechanism configured for the region; and then
- c) transferring the region identification information from the consumable item information retaining mechanism to the memory associated with the device and storing the information therein.

22. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 21, wherein the memory associated with the device is an electronic memory within the device.

23. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 22, wherein the information retaining mechanism of each of the consumable items is an electronic memory, the step of configuring the information retaining mechanism in a manner which uniquely identifies the region comprises writing the region identification information to the electronic memory, and the step of transferring region identification information from the consumable item to the electronic memory within the device comprises electronically reading the information from the electronic memory of the consumable item and electronically writing the information to the electronic memory within the device.



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24. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 23, wherein the device further has an associated wireless communications link in data communication with the associated memory and the consumable items each further comprise a wireless communications link in data communication with the electronic memory, and electronically reading the information from the electronic memory of the consumable is accomplished over the wireless links.

25. (Canceled).

26. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 23, wherein electronically reading the information from the electronic memory of the consumable is accomplished over a wireless link.

27. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 21, wherein the device further comprises a printer and the consumable items further comprise printer consumables.

28. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 27, wherein the printer is an ink jet printer and the printer consumables are ink jet cartridges.

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29. (Currently Amended): A method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device, the device having an associated memory and an associated wireless communications link in data communication with the associated memory, and the consumable items each having an electronic memory component and a wireless communications link in data communication with the electronic memory component, the manufactured device initially in a non-regionalized condition, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing for distribution within the region consumable items each having the electronic memory component configured in a manner which uniquely identifies the region; then
- b) installing in the device a consumable item having a memory component configured for the region; and then
- c) transferring the region identification information from the consumable item electronic memory component over the wireless communication links to the memory associated with the device and storing the information therein.

30. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 29, wherein the device further comprises a printer and the consumable items further comprise printer consumables.

31. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 30, wherein the printer is an ink jet printer and the printer consumables are ink jet cartridges.

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32. (Currently Amended): A method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device, the device having an associated memory and the consumable items each having an information retaining mechanism, the manufactured device initially in a non-regionalized condition, the method comprising the steps of:
- a) providing for distribution within the region consumable items each having the information retaining mechanism configured in a manner which uniquely identifies the region; then
  - b) installing in the device a consumable item having an information retaining mechanism configured for the region; then
  - c) transferring the region identification information from the consumable item information retaining mechanism to the memory associated with the device and storing the information therein; and  
for subsequent consumable item installed in the device,
  - d) testing the information retaining mechanism of the subsequently installed consumable item to determine the region identification information contained therein; then
  - e) comparing the region identification of the subsequently installed consumable with the region identification stored in memory, and then
  - f) if the region identifications do not match, declining the subsequently installed consumable.
33. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 32, wherein the memory associated with the device is an electronic memory within the device.

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34. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 33, wherein the information retaining mechanism of each of the consumable items is an electronic memory, the step of configuring the information retaining mechanism in a manner which uniquely identifies the region comprises writing the region identification information to the electronic memory, and the step of transferring region identification information from the consumable item to the electronic memory within the device comprises electronically reading the information from the electronic memory of the consumable item and electronically writing the information to the electronic memory within the device.
35. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 34, wherein the device further has an associated wireless communications link in data communication with the associated memory and the consumable items each further comprise a wireless communications link in data communication with the electronic memory, and electronically reading the information from the electronic memory of the consumable is accomplished over the wireless links.

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36. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 32, wherein the information retaining mechanism of each of the consumable items is an electronic memory, the step of configuring the information retaining mechanism in a manner which uniquely identifies the region comprises writing the region identification information to the electronic memory, and the step of transferring region identification information from the consumable item to the electronic memory within the device includes electronically reading the information from the electronic memory of the consumable item.
37. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 36, wherein the device further has an associated wireless communications link in data communication with the associated memory and the consumable items each further comprise a wireless communications link in data communication with the electronic memory, and electronically reading the information from the electronic memory of the consumable is accomplished over the wireless links.
38. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 32, wherein the device has an associated user interface allowing messages to be displayed to a user and also allowing responses to be input by the user, and the step of declining the consumable comprises notifying the device user of an incompatibility and requiring a specific response to be input by the user.

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39. (Currently Amended): A method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device, the device having an associated memory and an associated user interface for receiving user input and displaying output, and the consumable items each having an information retaining mechanism, the manufactured device initially in a non-regionalized condition, the method comprising the steps of:
- a) providing for distribution within the region consumable items each having the information retaining mechanism configured in a manner which uniquely identifies the region; then
  - b) installing in the device a consumable item having an information retaining mechanism configured for the region; and then
  - c) transferring the region identification information from the consumable item information retaining mechanism to the memory associated with the device and storing the information therein.
40. (Original): The method of regionalizing a manufactured device and consumable items utilized by the device of Claim 39, wherein the associated user interface for receiving user input and displaying output is operable to receive input and display out in a plurality of natural languages, and wherein the language used for input and output is selected based upon the region identification information stored in memory.
- 41 – 51. (Canceled).